



MIDDLETON

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

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After many years of only being "on the way to other towns", Middleton has successfully developed an appealing and unique personality. The town is conveniently situated near many major highways, making it desirable to commuters. Thoughtful and deliberative zoning by-laws allow a careful blend of starter homes, large contemporary residences and a variety of commercial and retail properties. Lots of protected open space assures Middleton's rural character.

The open town meeting gives all registered voters the opportunity of an equal voice in spending their tax dollars. Town government is managed by an appointed town administrator under the direction of five selectmen. Professional management with fiscal responsibility enables the police, fire and public works departments to attain excellence in training, equipment and operations. Middleton schools offer an energetic educational program for preschool through grade six. Grades 8-12 are part of the Masconomet Regional School District, a system of national renown. The town continues an active commitment to all its children.

With all its modern services and facilities townspeople say, Middleton is still a town where the librarian knows the residents' favorite books, where townspeople's dogs may have the same license number every year and where the policeman is still a friendly face.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Topsfield and Danvers on the east, Peabody on the south, Lynnfield on the southwest, North Reading on the west, North Andover on the west and northwest, and Boxford on the north and northeast. Middleton is 19 miles north of Boston and 232 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 14.45 sq. miles

Land Area: 13.97 sq. miles

Population: 4,921

Density: 352 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Reading, Salem, South Groveland, Georgetown

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 774-3344

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1728

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	3,197		
Democrats	720	22.5	%
Republicans	490	15.3	%
Other parties	4	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,983	62.0	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Middleton town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	7,744	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	7,744	100.0
Male.....	4,503	58.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	485	6.3
Female.....	3,241	41.9	Mexican.....	63	0.8
Under 5 years.....	473	6.1	Puerto Rican.....	173	2.2
5 to 9 years.....	528	6.8	Cuban.....	36	0.5
10 to 14 years.....	503	6.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	213	2.8
15 to 19 years.....	461	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	7,259	93.7
20 to 24 years.....	465	6.0	White alone.....	6,966	90.0
25 to 34 years.....	1,204	15.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,652	21.3	Total population.....	7,744	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,067	13.8	In households.....	6,370	82.3
55 to 59 years.....	373	4.8	Householder.....	2,305	29.8
60 to 64 years.....	279	3.6	Spouse.....	1,515	19.6
65 to 74 years.....	415	5.4	Child.....	2,117	27.3
75 to 84 years.....	259	3.3	Own child under 18 years.....	1,664	21.5
85 years and over.....	65	0.8	Other relatives.....	239	3.1
Median age (years).....	36.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	62	0.8
18 years and over.....	5,965	77.0	Nonrelatives.....	194	2.5
Male.....	3,557	45.9	Unmarried partner.....	87	1.1
Female.....	2,408	31.1	In group quarters.....	1,374	17.7
21 years and over.....	5,678	73.3	Institutionalized population.....	1,357	17.5
62 years and over.....	914	11.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	17	0.2
65 years and over.....	739	9.5	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	317	4.1	Total households.....	2,305	100.0
Female.....	422	5.4	Family households (families).....	1,745	75.7
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	872	37.8
One race.....	7,633	98.6	Married-couple family.....	1,515	65.7
White.....	7,390	95.4	With own children under 18 years.....	764	33.1
Black or African American.....	128	1.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	167	7.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	4	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	84	3.6
Asian.....	86	1.1	Nonfamily households.....	560	24.3
Asian Indian.....	15	0.2	Householder living alone.....	462	20.0
Chinese.....	34	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	215	9.3
Filipino.....	5	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	922	40.0
Japanese.....	9	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	555	24.1
Korean.....	11	0.1	Average household size.....	2.76	(X)
Vietnamese.....	4	0.1	Average family size.....	3.22	(X)
Other Asian ¹	8	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	0.1	Total housing units.....	2,347	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,305	98.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	42	1.8
Samoan.....	3	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	10	0.4
Some other race.....	21	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	111	1.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.7	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:</i> ³			Occupied housing units.....	2,305	100.0
White.....	7,488	96.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,976	85.7
Black or African American.....	153	2.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	329	14.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	23	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.92	(X)
Asian.....	101	1.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.85	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	0.1			
Some other race.....	87	1.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	66
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Middleton is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 62 and 114 and Interstate Route 95.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available on the Haverhill Line from Reading Station and on the Rockport Line from Beverly Station. Travel time from Beverly Depot: 30-37 min., 200 MBTA parking spaces.

Bus

Middleton is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

Other

The Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility in neighboring Beverly, has 3 asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Middleton Historical Society, Lura Watkins Museum
Pleasant Street

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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